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AN ANALYSIS OF THE STIMULUS-RESPONSE CHARACTERISTICS OF STANDARDIZED
TITLE READING COMPREHENSION TESTS

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I. INTRODUCTION

While there is no widely accepted definition or theory of reading comprehension, test publishers and educators have constructed and used a large number of tests which purport to measure reading comprehension. In consonance with the systematic approach to the investigation of the comprehension of connected discourse, this analysis of the stimulus-response characteristics of reading comprehension tests was undertaken, in order to determine the factors which are generally measured in the standardized tests of reading comprehension. It was assumed that such an analysis might provide a clearer notion than presently exists in the educational literature as to what educators consider to be included in the construct of comprehension.

A second purpose of this analysis was to provide a concise reference to reading comprehension tests with their appropriate age-grade levels as well as to supply information regarding intercorrelations between tests. As a reference source, this paper may aid the researcher in selecting test material appropriate for particular purposes.

Tests Included in the Analysis

Buros' Sixth Mental Measurement Yearbook (1965) was used as the primary source for compiling the test material. Generally, the tests included in the analysis were those labeled Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Reading Achievement, Diagnostic Reading Tests, and Reading Readiness Tests. Only those tests still in print and obtainable through the publisher were included. An alphabetical list of the 113 tests included in the analysis is given in Section II.

A number of general achievement tests have been included but only those subtests which purport to measure some aspect of reading achievement were considered in the analysis.

Stimulus-Response Forms

The items within tests or subtests have been conceptualized as consisting of a stimulus presented to the student, in either oral or visual form, and a required response. The stimulus-response forms were organized in a hierarchy of increasing difficulty as follows:

Word Comprehension - recognition or recall of word meaning.

Sentence Comprehension - recognition or recall of information from a phrase or sentence.

Passage Comprehension - recognition or recall of information from two or more connected and related sentences.

Although this hierarchy may be intuitively correct, it is nevertheless possible that a word comprehension test (vocabulary test) could be more difficult than a passage comprehension test, depending upon the content of each. Given that the vocabulary is identical and that the passage is written in a linguistic form which is not beyond the language development of the student, the proposed hierarchy appears reasonable. More will be said about this in the following discussion.

Stimulus Forms

Length: Difficulty of responding. That is, in word comprehension, the student is only required to respond to a single word with a definition, in either a recognition or a recall task. In passage comprehension, the student is required to respond to two or more sentences which may involve complex factual and relational information, as well as complex linguistic structures. Given that vocabulary is held constant across word, sentence and passage comprehension tests, it is possible that a student will know the entire vocabulary set but be unable to extract

or recall the information given in a sentence composed of a subset of this vocabulary. Likewise, a student may comprehend the individual sentences but be unable to comprehend or recall the relationships which hold between the individual sentences. A tenable hypothesis, therefore, is that stimulus length varies as a function of the age-grade for which the test or subtest is designed. This hypothesis is supported by the fact that word, sentence, and passage stimuli were used with students whose ages were 9 yr. 6 mo., 10 yr. 5 mo., and 11 yr. 2 mo., respectively in the tests analyzed.

The difference in task difficulty as a function of stimulus length argues for the need for a more precise taxonomy to describe and name tests. For example, a test should not be described as a measure of word meaning if the stimulus is more complex and actually involves sentence or passage comprehension. In 33 tests, subtests were inappropriately labeled "vocabulary" or "word meaning" when they actually measured passage comprehension. These 33 subtests were designed for students whose average age was 10 yr. 7 mo., which is higher than the average age for sentence comprehension.

Mode of Stimulus Presentation. Three modes of stimulus presentation can be differentiated: (1) Pictorial, (2) Verbal, (3) Written. The stimulus form which included pictures were presented to the youngest students in both word and sentence comprehension tests. With the next youngest groups pictures were used in passage comprehension tests. The stimulus in which the tester orally presented all or part of the stimulus occurred with the next youngest group in the word and sentence comprehension tests. Thus, earlier acquired modes of comprehension were used to facilitate reading. Interestingly enough, the tester's presentation of the stimulus occurred with the next to the oldest group in passage comprehension. This might be explained by the fact that in passage comprehension, rate of presentation and backtracking become important factors. Oral presentation of the stimulus provides a control over rate and prohibits backtracking. Therefore, oral presentation of passages may be more difficult than written presentation.

Letter, Syntactic and Semantic Cues. Tests which provided the student with letter, syntactic, and semantic cues were typically in what might be described as a cloze test form. In these tests the stimulus consisted of either a word, sentence or passage with certain letters or words deleted. The student's task is to correctly complete the deletion by using the surrounding context. The experimental literature is replete with evidence on the difficulty of cloze tests. It is not surprising, therefore, that in sentence and passage comprehension this stimulus form was most often administered to older students. However, word comprehension tests employing this "cuing" method were given to younger students than word comprehension tests without such cues. This may be a function of the much greater constraints on letter sequences than on word sequences such that on the word level, letter cues facilitate responding.

Duration of Stimulus Presentation. Only two tests made any attempt to control the actual rate of presentation of each stimulus item. One test for word comprehension presented each word for 1/25 of a second. One test of passage comprehension required the student to skim the passage by controlling stimulus presentation time.

Response Forms

The responses were either a recognition (multiple-choice) or recall type. The experimental literature is in demonstrations of the greater difficulty of the recall task compared to the recognition task. The proportions of recall to recognition responses in the tests analyzed were: 0:88, 1:17 and 1:6 for word, sentence and passage comprehension, respectively. The proportion of recall to recognition responses increased with age-grade. The ages for the recall responses for sentence and passage comprehension items averaged 11 yrs. 7 mo. and 11 yrs. 4 mo. as compared to 10 yrs. 4 mo. and 11 yrs. 1 mo. for the recognition responses.

The remainder of this paper is devoted to a more detailed analysis of the tests. Section II lists the tests in alphabetical order with the numbers used to designate the tests in Sections III & IV.

Section III gives the basic stimulus-response forms found in the tests. Each entry contains a definition of the stimulus-response pair and lists the tests in which it occurs. The aim of this Section is to allow the reader to specify the general form of the stimulus-response of interest and to select the tests which include that form.

Section IV lists each test individually by number and name. Under each listing are given all the stimulus-response forms included in each test. This enables the reader to obtain a rapid survey of what type of items are included in each test.

Section V is a listing of intercorrelational data between the tests and other reading tests, achievement tests, and general intelligence tests. The data for this Section were obtained solely from the test manuals supplied by the publisher. As such this data should be approached with caution.

A more detailed description of each of the following Sections is given as a preface to each Section.

SECTION II TEST INDEX

Section II is an alphabetical listing of all the tests analyzed in this paper. In the righthand column is the number assigned to each test.

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SECTION III DEFINITION OF INDIVIDUAL STIMULUS-RESPONSE UNITS

Section III is a listing of the components of the reading tests broken down into stimulus-response units. They are ordered in subsections dealing with words, sentences and passages. Within each subsection the order is numerical (i.e., A1 - A12).

Stimulus-response pairs labeled A deal in most cases with the comprehension of single words as stimuli. The responses may or may not also be single words.

Stimulus-response pairs labeled B deal with sentences as stimuli. Responses may or may not be complete sentences. (The word sentence is used advisedly; it may mean phrase, sentence or question in a given context. The definition of individual pairs is explicit.)

Stimulus-response pairs labeled deal with aggregates of sentences (passages).

The use of lower case letters in the labels (A2b, for example) means that either the stimuli or the responses are slightly different from each other. One component is always stable. Thus A2a may be "S reads a word" / "S marks an alternative" and A2b may be "S reads a word" / "S supplies an alternative." The other possibility is: B3a "S reads a sentence with a word underlined" / "S chooses a multiple choice answer" and B3b "S reads a question with a word underlined" / "S chooses a multiple choice answer."

The age ranges listed apply to the ages of the subjects to whom the test is administered. If only the age range was given in the test, it is given here. If only the grade range was given, it is converted to an age range (First grade = 6 years). The grade range is given in parentheses. If both grade and age were given, both are given here in their original form.

THIS SECTION DEALS WITH WORD COMPREHENSION

<u>TEST #</u>	<u>AGE RANGE</u>	<u>S/R #</u>	<u>STIMULUS</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
7	5.6 - 9.9 yrs	Ala	S reads a word	S marks a (word or phrase) synonym
17	15 - 18 yrs. (gr. 10-13)			
27	14 - 17 yrs. (gr. 9-12)			
34	6.7 - 16.11			
35	9 - 11			
2	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)	Alb	S reads a word	S marks a multiple choice synonym (word)
5	13 (gr. 8)			
6	14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)			
17	9 - 12			
18	Adults			
19	14 - 19 (gr. 9-14)			
22	6 - 11			
24	14 - 18 (gr. 9-13)			

29	21+				
33	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)				
36	7 - 11 (gr. 2-6)				
42	9 - 11.9 (grs. 4.0-6.9)				
46	7.1 - 17.6 (gr. 2-12.6)				
48	3.5 - 9				
67	7 - 8 (gr. 3-4)				
70	14 - 19 (gr. 9-14)				
76	11 - 17 (gr. 6-12)				
90	14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)				
104	15+				
37	15 - 18 (gr. 10-13)	Alc	S reads a word	S marks a multiple choice synonym (phrase)	S marks a multiple choice antonym (word or word phrase)
2	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)	A2	S reads a word	S marks a multiple choice synonym (word or word phrase)	S marks a multiple choice antonym (word or word phrase)
22	9 - 17 (gr. 4-12)				
67	7 - 8 (gr. 2-3)				
85	12 - 14 (gr. 7-9)				

101	No data given			
93	6 - 13 (gr. 1-8)	A3a	S reads a word	S pronounces the word
103	5.5 - 8.5			
110	11 - 16 (gr. 6-11)			
112	6 - 17 (gr. 1-high school)			
107	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)	A3b	S reads a word for 1/25 sec.	S pronounces the word correctly or is given another 1/25 sec. trial, and if necessary a ten second trial
113	5 - 6 (gr. K & 1)	A4	Non-reading S looks at pictures with their word identifications.	S matches the word with its cor- responding picture
3	6.4 - 11 (gr. 1.2-6.9)	A5a	S reads a word(s) and then looks at pictures	S matches the picture with its corresponding word
10	7.0 - 7.9 (gr. 2-2.9)			

41	6 - 8 (gr. 1-3)		
64	6 - 7.5 (gr. 1-2.5)		
75	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)		
87	6 - 7		
99	6.5 - 11+ (gr. 1.5-6+)		
		A5b	S matches the Picture with the corresponding word
1	6 (gr. 1)	S looks at a picture and then reads words	
2	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)		
36	6 (gr. 1)		
45	6.11 - 10.5 (gr. 1.7-6.2)		
47	6.3 - 9.4 (gr. 1.3-4.4)		
66	6 (gr. 1)		
86	6.5 - 7.4 (gr. 1.5-2.4)		
87	6 - 7		
94	6.9 - 13.9 (gr. 1.9-8.9)		
100	5 - 9		
99	6.5 - 11+ (gr. 1.5-6+)	A6	S encircles that word contained within the stimulus word which identifies the picture word

82 6 - 7.6 A7 - S looks at a picture and then T says the word-name of the picture. S then reads words.

2 6 - 7 (gr. 1-2) A8a T says a word and then S reads words

55 6.5 - 7.0 (gr. 1.5-2)
6 (gr. 1)

66 6 (gr. 1)

67 7 - 8 (gr. 2-3)

82 6 - 7.6

84 6 - 8.5 (gr. 1.3-5)

91 6 (gr. 1)

94 6.9 - 13.9 (gr. 1.9-8.9)

98 6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)

100 5 - 9

1 6 (gr. 1) A8b T says a word and then S reads words

S marks the stimulus responding to the word-name of the picture.

S marks the corresponding written word

S marks the alternative words

10	7 - 7.9 (gr. 2-2.9)	A9	T says a word, says the word in a sentence, and then repeats the word. S then reads words	S marks the corresponding written word
74	8 - 11 (gr. 3-6)			
86	6.5 - 7.4 (gr. 1.5-2.4)			
50	Pre-school	A10	S reads a word	S pronounces the word and then supplies an oral definition
22	10 - 17 (gr. 4-12)	A11	S reads words	S marks all words that are related (or not related) to a common, unspecified conceptual category
22	9 - 17 (gr. 4-12)	A12	S reads a word	S marks the alternative most associated with the word
66	6 (gr. 1)			

THIS SECTION DEALS WITH SENTENCE COMPREHENSION

<u>TEST #</u>	<u>AGE RANGE</u>	<u>S/R #</u>	<u>STIMULUS</u>	<u>RESPONSE</u>
33	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)	B1a	S reads an incomplete sentence	S makes a multiple choice completion
55	6.5 - 7 (gr. 1.5-2)			
64	6.0 - 7.5 (gr. 1-2.5)			
97	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)			
98	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)			
84	6 - 8.5 (gr. 1-3.5)	B1b	S reads an incomplete sentence	S marks a multiple choice answer
82	7 - 8.11	B1c	S reads an incomplete sentence	S marks the corresponding written word
71	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)	B2a	S reads a sentence	S chooses a multiple choice synonymous sentence
85	12 - 13 (gr. 7-9)			
8	8 - 13.9 (gr. 3-8.9)	B2b	S reads a sentence	S marks a multiple choice answer

8	8 - 14 (gr. 3-8)	B3	S reads a question
33	8 - 13.9 (gr. 3-8.9)		
61	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)		
95	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)		
104	15+		
66	7 - 8 (gr. 2-3)	B4	S reads a sentence (question)
68	12 - 17 (gr. 7-12)		
98	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)		
87	7 - 8	B5a	S reads an incomplete definition (phrase)
1	9 - 11 (gr. 4-6)	B5b	S chooses a multiple choice word (synonym)
27	14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)		
62	High School - College		
63	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)		

83	7 - 8 (gr. 2-3)		
84	6 - 8.5 (gr. 1-3.5)		
98	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)		
102	9 - 11 (gr. 3-6)		
11	12 - 15 (gr. 7-9)	B5c	S reads an incomplete definition (sentence)
16	High School entrants		
65	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)	B5d	S reads an incomplete definition (question)
8	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)	B6	S looks at a vocabulary list with definitions. He then reads an incomplete sentence or question which requires understanding of a word from the vocabulary list.
1	7 - 8 (gr. 2-3)	B7	S reads an incomplete sentence
			S marks a multiple choice completion

3	6 - 8 (gr. 1-3)		
13	8 - 14 (gr. 3-8)		
55	6.5 - 7 (gr. 1.5-2)		
66	6 (gr. 1)		
77	9 - 13		
79	7.6 - 11.1		
81	14 - 18 (gr. 9-13)		
93	6.5 - 7 (gr. 1.5-2)		
98	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)		
99	6.5 - 11+ (gr. 1.5-6+)		
100	5 - 9		
26	15 - 17+ (gr. 9-12+)	B8a	S supplies the response(s) to be inserted
54	7 - 11		
94	6.9 - 13.9 (gr. 1.9 - 8.9)		
30	12 - 17 (gr. 7-12)	B8b	S marks the multiple choice synonym to be inserted

49 12 - 17 (gr. 7-12)

81	7 - 17	B8c	S reads a sentence with (a) blank(s)	S marks a multiple choice completion (or insertion)
87	14 - 17+ (gr. 9-12+)			
57	13.5 - 15	B8d	S reads a sentence	S supplies the response
41	6 - 8 (gr. 1-3)	B9a	S reads a phrase, then looks at pictures	S matches a word with a picture
75	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)	B9b	S reads a phrase, then looks at pictures	S matches the phrase with the corresponding picture
87	7 - 8			
94	6.9 - 13.9 (gr. 1.9-8.9)			
47	6.7 - 8 (gr. 1.3-4.4)	B9c	S reads a sentence and looks at pictures	S matches the sentence with the corresponding picture
75	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)			
87	7 - 8			

87	7 - 8	B9d	S reads a question and looks at pictures	S matches the question with a picture (answer)
10	7 - 18.10	B10	S looks at a picture and reads sentences	S matches the picture with a sentence
36	6 (gr. 1)			
71	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)	B11	S reads a sentence	S marks a multiple choice synonymous sentence
73	8 - 11 (gr. 3-6)			
90	High School	B12	S reads a phrase and then looks at a letter followed by dashes	S supplies a synonym word, beginning with the letter provided
3	6 - 8 (gr. 1-3)	B13a	S reads a phrase with a word marked (capitalized, underlined or in bold face)	S marks a multiple choice synonym to the marked word
7	8 - 10 (gr. 3-5)			
8	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)			

9	14-17 (gr. 9-12)		
10	7 - 7.9 (gr. 2-2.9)		
12	12 - 13 (gr. 7-8)		
15	14 (gr. 9)		
20	9 - 14, 15+, adults		
21	9 - 13 (gr. 4-8)		
23	12 - 17 (gr. 7-12)		
25	High School - Adult		
27	14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)		
31	High School		
49	12 - 17 (gr. 7-12)		
81	7 - 17		
89	12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)		
3	9 - 11 (gr. 4-6)	B13b	S marks a sentence with a word marked (capitalized, in bold face or underlined)
11	9 - 11 (gr. 4-6)		

14 13 - 15 (gr. 8-10)

20 14, 15+, adults

21 9 - 13 (gr. 4-8)

25 High School-Adult

27 14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)

28 14 - 18 (gr. 9-13)

30 12 - 17 (gr. 7-12)

89 12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)

20 9 - 14, 15+, adults B13c S reads a question with a marked (capitalized, underlined or in bold face)

21 9 - 13 (gr. 4-8)

25 High School-Adult

27 14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)

89 12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)

76 11 - 17 (gr. 6-12) B13d S reads a sentence

S marks a multiple choice synonym to the last word in the sentence as instructed

97	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)	B14	S reads an incomplete sentence (phrase)	S marks the subject and verb phrase which is logically and grammatically correct
8	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)	B15	S reads a sentence	S marks the sentence if it contains a grammatical error
97	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)	B16	S reads similar sentences	S marks the sentence which uses all of its words with the correct meaning
73	8 - 11 (gr. 3-6)	B17	S reads unrelated sentences	S is told to mark that sentence which has a specific connotation
27	14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)	B18	S reads a sentence with a word in bold face type	S marks the sentence correct or incorrect, with respect to using the marked word correctly
33	7 - 13 (gr. 3-8)	B19	S reads a sentence	S marks a multiple choice sentence which can be inferred from the stimulus sentence
22	9 - 17 (gr. 4-12)	B20	S reads a definition with the defined word marked (underlined or in bold face type)	S marks the definition true or false

27 14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)

22 9 - 17 (gr. 4-12) B21 S reads a sentence S marks the sentence true or false

87 7 - 8 B22 S reads a sentence S marks an alternative

2 6 - 7 (gr. 1-2) B23a S reads a direction S follows the direction

45 6.11 - 11.5 (gr. 1.7-6.2)

47 6.3 - 9.4 (gr. 1.3-4.4)

55 6.5 - 7 (gr. 1.5-2)

64 6 - 7.5 (gr. 1-2.5)

73 8 - 11 (gr. 3-6)

85 12 - 14 (gr. 7-9)

94 7 - 8 (gr. 2-3)

97 8 - 15 (gr. 7-9)

103 5.5 - 8.5

71 8 - 13 (gr. 3-8) B23b S reads a sentence S marks a multiple choice as directed

94 9 - 11 (gr. 4-6) B24 S reads a direction S marks a multiple choice which follows that direction

100 5 - 9 B25 S reads a sentence S pronounces the words

84 6 - 8.5 (gr. 1-3.5) B26 S reads a sentence S marks a multiple choice which corresponds with the spoken sentence

THIS SECTION DEALS WITH PASSAGE COMPREHENSION

		C1	S reads a passage	S answers a multiple choice question
1	7 - 11 (gr. 2-6)			
2	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)			
7	8 - 10 (gr. 3-5)			
8	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)			
10	7 - 7.9 (gr. 2-2.9)			
13	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)			
14	13 - 15 (gr. 8-10)			
33	7 - 13 (gr. 3-8)			
37	15 - 18 (gr. 10-13)			
39	College			
40	13 - 16 (gr. 8-11)			
42	9 - 11.9 (gr. 4-6.9)			
51	9 - 13 (gr. 4-8)			
59	High school seniors, college freshmen			
60	8 - 10 & 11 - 13 (gr. 3-5 & 6-8)			
62	High school, college			

63	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)			
65	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)			
68	12 - 17 (gr. 7-12)			
70	14 - 19 (gr. 9-14)			
75	16 - 21 & adults (gr. 11-6+)			
77	7 - 11			
81	7 - 17			
85	12 - 14 (gr. 7-9)			
89	12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)			
90	High School			
92	9 - 14 (gr. 4-9)			
98	6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)			
99	6.5 - 11+ (gr. 1.5-6+)			
13	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)	r2	S reads a passage	S marks a multiple choice as directed
14	13 - 15 (gr. 8-10)			
39	College			
40	14 - 16 (gr. 8-11)			

59 High school seniors, college freshmen

60 8 - 10 & 11 - 13 (gr. 3-5 & 6-8)

65 8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)

67 7 - 8 (gr. 2-3)

77 7 - 11

81 7 - 17

85 12 - 14 (gr. 7-9)

87 6 - 8

89 12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)

92 9 - 14 (gr. 4-9)

80 9 - 19 (gr. 4-14)

C3 T reads a
passageS marks a multiple choice answer
to T's question

106 11 - 15 (gr. 6-18)

C4 S reads a
passageS answers a multiple choice
question-he cannot look at the
passage

110 11 - 16 (gr. 6-11)

C6 S reads a
passageS marks a multiple choice answer
to T's questionS marks a multiple choice answer
to T's question

110

			C7	S reads a passage	S marks a multiple choice sentence completion
3	6 - 8 (gr. 1-3)				
4	13 (gr. 8)				
5	13 (gr. 8)				
6	14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)				
9	14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)				
10	9 - 11 (gr. 4-6)				
12	12 - 13 (gr. 7-9)				
13	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)				
14	13 - 15 (gr. 8-10)				
15	14 (gr. 9)				
16	High school entrants				
34	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)				
35	9 - 12				
36	7 - 11 (gr. 2-6)				
38	14 - 21 (gr. 9-16)				
39	College				
43	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)				

46 7 - 17.6 (gr. 2-12.6)
48 3.5 - 10
52 14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)
56 8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)
59 8 - 15 (gr. 3-10)
66 7 - 8 (gr. 2-3)
68 12 - 17 (gr. 7-12)
74 8 - 11 (gr. 3-6)
75 6 - 7 (gr. 1-2)
80 11 - 18 (gr. 6-13)
81 7 - 17
85 12 - 14 (gr. 7-9)
89 12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)
90 6 - 14 (gr. 1-9)
91 7 - 8 (gr. 2-3)
92 High school
94 6.9 - 13.9 (gr. 1.9-8.9)
99 6.5 - 11+ (gr. 1.5-6+)

102 8 - 11 (gr. 3-6)

84 10+ (gr. 5+) C8a S reads a passage S marks a multiple choice sentence completion (definition)

75 6 - 7 (gr. 1-2) C8b S reads a passage with (a) word(s) underlined S marks a multiple choice completion for an incomplete sentence defining an underlined word.

13 8 - 13 (gr. 3-8) C9 S reads a passage S marks a completion for a sentence with deleted words

39 College

81 7 - 17

52 14 - 17 (gr. 9-12) C10 S reads a passage S marks a multiple choice sentence completion-he cannot look at the passage

58 7 - 15 (gr. 2-10)

76 11 - 17 (gr. 6-12)

88 15 - 17 (gr. 10-12)

89 12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)

94 6.9 - 13.9 (gr. 1.9-8.9)

104 15+

106 11 - 15 (gr. 6-10)

104 15+ C11 S reads a passage S waits for a period of time before making a multiple choice sentence completion. He cannot look at the passage

12 12 - 13 (gr. 7-8) C12 S reads a passage S marks a completion for an incomplete sentence accompanied by a diagram

13 8 - 13 (gr. 3-8) C13a S reads a passage S supplies (written) completion to an incomplete sentence

14 13 - 15 (gr. 8-10)
39 College

57 13.5 - 15

89 12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)

13 8 - 13 (gr. 3-8) C13b S reads a passage S supplies a (written) answer to a question

14 13 - 15 (gr. 8-10)
39 College

52 14 - 17 (gr. 9-12)

56	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)		
57	13.5 - 15		
60	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)		
77	7 - 11		
81	7 - 17		
89	12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)		
92	9 - 14 (gr. 4-9)		
93	6 - 13 (gr. 1-8)		
108	6 - 13 (gr. 1-8)		
39	College	C14	S reads a passage which has part of a word deleted
13	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)	C15	S supplies a completion to a sentence which has part of a word deleted
26	14 - 17 (gr. 9-12+)		
44	6 - 11		
83	7 - 14 (gr. 2-9)		
84	6 - 11.9 (gr. 1-6.9)		

46	7 - 13.6 (gr. 2-12.6)	C16	S reads a passage with (a) deleted word(s)	S marks a multiple choice to be inserted
48	8.5 - 15.8 (gr. 3.5-10.8)			
34	10 - 13	C16b	S reads a passage with deleted words, each replaced with alternatives	S marks an alternative
35	9 - 12			
75	7 - 9 (gr. 2-4)			
81	7 - 17			
86	6.5 - 7.4 (gr. 1.5-2.4)			
81	7 - 17	C17a	S reads a passage	S marks a multiple choice sentence completion for a sentence with a deleted word
69	Adults	C17b	S reads a passage	S marks a multiple choice completion for a sentence with a deleted word; he can't look at the passage

81	7 - 17	C17c	S reads a passage accompanied by a picture	S marks a multiple choice sentence completion for a sentence with a deleted word
13	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)	C17d	S reads a passage	S supplies a completion to a sentence with deleted words
3	6 - 8 (gr. 1-3)	C18	S reads a passage accompanied by (a) Picture (s)	S matches the passage with the corresponding picture
36	6 (gr. 1)			
87	6 - 8			
3	6 - 8 (gr. 1-3)	C19a	S reads a passage accompanied by pictures	S marks a multiple choice synonym to an underlined word
94	9 - 11 (gr. 4-6)			
81	7 - 17	C19b	S reads a passage accompanied by a picture	S marks a multiple choice sentence completion

81	7 - 17	C19c	S reads a passage accompanied by a picture	S marks a multiple choice as directed
81	7 - 17	C19d	S reads a passage accompanied by a picture	S marks an answer to a question
12	12 - 13 (gr. 7-8)	C20a	S reads a passage accompanied by a diagram	S marks a multiple choice answer to a question
12	12 - 13 (gr. 7-8)	C20b	S reads a passage accompanied by a diagram	S marks a multiple choice sentence completion
72	7 - 8	C21	S reads a passage accompanied by pictures	S supplies a written answer to a written question
84	6 - 8.5 (gr. 1-3.5)	C22	S reads a passage	S marks a sentence yes or no with respect to its consonance to the passage

76 11 - 17 (gr. 6-12) C23 S reads a passage S marks a multiple choice replacement for a word in the stimulus whose meaning contradicts the meaning of the passage

78 12 - 21 (gr. 7-college seniors) C24a S reads a passage S marks a sentence true or false with respect to its consonance with the passage

105 6 - 21+ (gr. 1-adult) C24b S reads a passage S marks a sentence true or false with respect to its consonance with the passage. He cannot look at the passage.

50 Preschool C25a S reads a passage S supplies an oral answer to T's question

77 6 - 9

96 6 - 11 (gr. 1-6)

96 6 - 11 (gr. 1-6) C26 S reads a passage S orally states everything that he read

100 5 - 9 C27 S reads a passage S supplies an oral answer to a written question accompanied by pictures. He cannot look at the passage.

13 7 - 8 (gr. 2-3) C28a S reads a passage S follows directions

14	13 - 15 (gr. 8-10)			
39	College			
45	6.11 - 11.5 (gr. 1.7-6.2)			
46	2 - 12.6			
47	1.4 - 4.4			
60	8 - 13 (gr. 3-8)	C30	S reads a passage	S marks the multiple choice synonymous sentence
65	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)			
89	12 - 15 (gr. 7-10)			
92	9 - 14 (gr. 4-9)			
73	8 - 11 (gr. 3-6)			
88	15 - 17 (gr. 10-12)	C31	S reads a passage	S or T marks the amount read per time period
104	15+			
37	15 - 18 (gr. 10-13)			
76	11 - 17 (gr. 6-12)			
94	6.9 - 13.9 (gr. 1.9-8.9)			

103	5.5 - 8.5
95	8 - 14 (gr. 3-9)

C32 S reads a passage S marks the topic sentence

SECTION IV
STIMULUS-RESPONSE CONTENTS OF INDIVIDUAL TESTS

This is an index of tests in numerical order. The stimulus-response pairs which occur in each test are listed opposite the test number, in alphabetical and numerical order. If an s/r number is listed more than once, it occurs in more than one section of the original test. If the reader wants to find out how many tests contain a particular type of item, he should refer to the s/r definition listing, which contains the test numbers.

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2	California Achievement Tests	Alb Alb A2 A2 A2 A5b A8a A8a B23a B23a B23a B23a C1 C1 C1 C1
3	Gray-Votaw-Rogers General Achievement Test	A5a B7 B13a B13b C7 C7 C18 C19a

4	Group Achievement Tests: Dominion Tests, 1934 Edition	C7
5	Group Achievement Tests: Domain Tests, Niagara Edition	A1b C7
6	High School Fundamentals Evaluation Test	A1b C7
7	Iowa Every Pupil Tests of Basic Skills	A1a B13a B13a C1 C1
8	Iowa Test of Basic Skills	B2b B3 B6 B7 B7 B13a B15 C1
9	Iowa Tests of Educational Development	B13a C7 C7 C7
10	Metropolitan Achievement Tests: Reading	A5a A9 B10 B13a B13a B13a C1 C1 C1
11	National Achievement Tests	B5c B13b C7 C7
12	National Educational Development Tests	B13a B13a C7 C7 C7 C7 C7 C12 C12

13	Public School Achievement Tests	B7 C1 C2 C7 C9 C13a C13b C15 C17d C28a
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15	SRA High School Placement Test	B13a C7
16	Test for High School Entrants: (National Achievement Tests)	B5c C7
17	A.C.E.R. Word Knowledge Test--Adult Form B	Alb
18	American Literacy Test	Ala
19	College Vocabulary Test	Alb
20	Johnson O'Connor English Vocabulary Worksamples	B13a B13b B13c
21	Kansas Vocabulary Test	B13a B13b B13c
22	Nationwide English Vocabulary Examination	Alb Alb Alb A2 A11 A12 A12 B20 B21

23	New Standard Vocabulary Test	B13a
24	Quick-Scoring Vocabulary Test: Dominion Tests	A1b
25	Survey Test of Vocabulary	B13a B13b B13c
26	Test of Active Vocabulary	B8a C15
27	Vocabulary: Every Pupil Achievement Test	Ala B5b B13a B13b B13c B18 B20
28	Vocabulary Test for High School Students and College Freshman	B13b
29	Vocabulary Test--GT	Ala
30	Vocabulary Test: National Achievement Tests	B8c B13b
31	Wide Range Vocabulary Test	B13a
32	Word Clue Test	C8a
33	A.C.E.R. Silent Reading Tests, Forms A and B	Alb B1a B3 B19 C1
34	A.C.E.R. Silent Reading Tests, Forms C and D	Ala C7 C16b
35	A.C.E.R. Silent Reading Tests: Standardized for use in New Zealand	Ala C7 C16b
36	Achievement Test in Silent Reading: Dominion Tests	Alb Alb Alb A5b

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		C7
		C7
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		C1
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38	Buffalo Reading Test for Speed and Comprehension	C7
39	Comprehension Test for Training College Students	C1
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48	Gates Reading Survey	A1b C7 C16a
49	High School Reading Test: National Achievement Tests	B8b B13a
50	Informal Reading Inventory	A10 C25a
51	Iowa Silent Reading Tests: New Edition	C1
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54	Kingston Test of Silent Reading	B8a
55	Lee-Clark Reading Test, 1958 Revision	A8a B1a B7 B23a
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57	Manchester Reading Comprehension Test	B8d C13a C13b
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61	N.B. Silent Reading Tests (Beginners): Reading Comprehension Test	B3

62	Nelson-Denny Reading Test: Vocabulary-Comprehension-Rate	B5b C1
63	Nelson Reading Tests, Revised Edition: Vocabulary-Paragraph Comprehension	B5b C1
64	New Developmental Reading Tests	A5c A5c B1a B1a B23a B23a
65	Pressy Diagnostic Reading Tests	B5d C1 C2 C28a
66	Primary Reading: Every Pupil Scholarship Test	A5b A5b A8a A8a A12 B4 B7 C7
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71	Reading Comprehension Test: National Achievement Tests	B2a B11 B23b
72	Reading: Seven Plus Assessment: Northumberland Series	C21

73	Reading Test (Comprehension and Speed): Municipal Tests: National Achievement Tests	B11 B17 B23a C30
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76	SRA Reading Record	A1b A1b B7 B13d C1 C2 C10 C23 C25a C31
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78	Schrammel-Gray High School and College Reading Test	C24a
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85	Survey of Reading Achievement: California Survey Series	A2 B2a B23a C1 C2 C7 C9
86	Survey Test, Burnett Reading Series	A5b A9 C16b
87	Tests of Reading: Cooperative Inter-American Tests	A5a A5b B5a B7a B8c B9b B9c B9d B22 C1 C18 C18
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95	Diagnostic Reading Tests	B3 C32
96	Durrell Analysis of Reading Difficulty, New Edition	C25a C26

97	Group Diagnostic Reading Aptitude and Achievement Tests	Bla B14 B16 B23a
98	Primary Reading Profiles, (Revised Edition)	A8a Bla B4 B5b B7a C1
99	Silent Reading Diagnostic Tests: The Developmental Reading Tests	A5c A6 A7a C1 C7
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